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CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

REF: A) BANGKOK 10055, B) BANGKOK 17838

1. THE BANGKOK WORLD REPORTS DEC. 14 THAT THE CRIMINAL COURT ON DEC. 14 FOUND COL. THIPCHAROEN CHUWET, FORMER DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE SPECIAL BRANCH POLICE, GUILTY OF CHARGES OF THEFT OF PX GOODS ON APRIL 8, AND SENTENCED HIM TO SIX YEARS IN JAIL (SEE REF. A). THE COURT ALSO HANDED DOWN SENTENCES OF TWO YEARS EIGHT MONTHS TO FOUR YEARS IN THE CASES OF 16 OTHER ACCOMPLICES. THE COURT ACQUITTED SIX OTHER PERSONS WHO HAD BEEN IMPLICATED IN THE PX GOODS SMUGGLING OPERATION.

2. THIPCHAROEN IS ALSO UNDER INVESTIGATION IN THE MURDER CASE OF POL. COL. NARIN WITTAYUWUTHIKUN. NARIN, WHO WAS INVESTIGATING THE PX THEFT AFFAIR, WAS MURDERED BY HIRED ASSASINS ON JUNE 2, ALLEGEDLY ON THE ORDERS OF THIPCHAROEN. (SEE REF. B). POL. DIRECTOR-GENERAL, LTG MONCHAI PHANKONGCHUAN RECENTLY SAID THAT THE MURDERERS OF COL. NARIN WOULD BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL SOON.

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